

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 at 02:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to dominate through the period. Lower confidence for the details from Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Jan 2021: Cold with some brightness to start, before hill fog and snowfall sets in.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light snow	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	80%	90%	60%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 26 Jan 2021

Weather: Patchy snowfall will become gradually more widespread through morning, bringing with it large areas of low cloud. Glen Coe may stay clearer until mid-morning. Snow will become heavy through afternoon along with strengthening winds.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% around Glen Coe through morning, otherwise 10%.

Visibility: Extensive cloud above 300-500m, occasionally lower as snow becomes heavy. Best shelter across the far north, especially through morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	10/12 SE	12/15 SE	17/21 SE	18/24 E	21/27 E	16/21 E	11/14 E
900	10/12 SE	12/15 SE	14/19 SE	18/23 SE	19/26 E	15/20 E	11/15 E
600	6/8 NE	6/8 E	6/9 E	11/15 E	13/18 E	8/12 SE	7/10 NE
300	2/4 NE	4/6 NE	6/11 E	7/12 NE	6/10 NE	5/9 NE	4/8 NE
Glen	3/8 E	4/8 E	5/11 E	8/17 E	8/17 NE	6/14 NE	5/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-5/-10	-5/-11	-5/-12	-5/-12	-5/-13	-5/-12	-5/-10
900	-4/-10	-4/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-9
600	-1/-4	-1/-4	0/-3	-0/-5	-0/-5	-0/-4	-1/-4
300	1/-1	1/-1	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-1	0/-2
Glen	1/-1	1/-1	2/0	2/-1	2/-1	2/-0	2/0
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	300m	400m	300m	500m	400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold with freezing levels towards Glen level. Poor visibility likely a significant hazard.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Weather: Thick cloud and a few snow flurries will slowly clear from the north through the day to bring clear conditions across northern ranges. Areas of cloud may linger across the south, especially Arran and The Trossachs before returning northwards again through evening, along with strengthening winds.

Maximum wind: East 10-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, improving 80% across Lochaber.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above around 300-500m and some snow flurries will limit visibility to a kilometre or so at times through morning and perhaps again through evening. Otherwise skies likely clearer through afternoon at least across the northern ranges.

Temperature: Glens: 1-3C.

At 800m: Minus 4 falling minus 8.

Freezing level: 200-400m, but 1000m across Arran and perhaps Mull.